

DIGGING OF TRENCHES.

IT SHALL BE DONE BY CONTRACT, IS THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Only Four Members Support the Day Labor System—Each Member Explains His Position—Other Business.

The Committee on Streets held its semi-monthly meeting in the chambery court room. The following members were present: Captain William H. Curtis, chairman; and Messrs. Allen, Bahen, Boykin, Brauer, R. T. Davis, Gray, Stratton, Thomas, Turpin and White. Mr. Joseph W. Carter was absent on account of sickness.

A communication was received from the Chamber of Commerce, calling attention to the crowded condition of Cary street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, and to the necessity on the part of the city for properly grading and repaving of Lombard alley between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, so as to relieve to some extent the traffic now moved through that portion of Cary street. The matter was referred to the committee.

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VIRGINIA NEWS NOTES.

Items Gathered Here and There and Everywhere Throughout the State.

Dr. J. G. Stephens, of Madison county, died Tuesday.

The oystermen on Chincoteague Island had a very prosperous season.

The new court-house of Prince William county is to be erected at Manassas this summer.

Mr. Severn Travis, a wealthy citizen of Cape Charles, has been ill for the past two days with inflammatory rheumatism.

The gold mines of lower Fauquier are attracting much interest of late, many gentlemen visiting them with a view of purchasing.

Mr. John F. Newlin, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Loudoun, died suddenly at his home near Union on Thursday night.

Dr. George Mason, of Emporia, only surviving brother of Hon. John V. Mason, celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday on Thursday last.

Mr. Charles M. Castleman, a prominent citizen of Clarke county, died suddenly Sunday night of heart disease. He attended church in Triplett Sunday morning.

Mr. Robert L. Triplett, eldest son of G. S. F. Triplett, died of apoplexy while at the "Ball farm," about three miles from Jefferson, Culpeper county, on Thursday.

A certain candidate for office in Amherst has a fine lot of Newfoundland puppies to exchange for votes. Only fifty cents for each equivalent will be required to get a puppy.

Mrs. Harriet Mason, of Amherst, the aged mother of Mr. Rev. Mason, had another stroke of paralysis last week, and is lying in a critical condition. She is seventy-eight years old.

Lillian, the eleven-year-old child of Mrs. Peggy Johnson, of Onancock, was paralyzed Friday in the upper part of the body and face, due, it is said, to excessive jumping of the rope.

A large force of hands is at work on the Virginia College for Young Ladies, which Rev. Dr. W. A. Harris, D. D., of Staunton, is having erected in the south-suburb of Roanoke at a cost of \$40,000.

Mr. John J. Hogeland, an old and well-known citizen of Loudoun, died while on a visit to his brother in Washington last Friday night. He for many years conducted a carding mill near Scycolin, south of Leesburg.

Mr. Henry St. George Harris, who has been for many years past a familiar character throughout this section, was found departed this life at his home in Buckhams county, at seventy-six years old, Wednesday of last week.

The body of a white United States sailor named Carroll, belonging on board the receiving ship Franklin, was found floating in the dock of the United States buoy-ward in Gosport Friday morning. It is supposed he fell overboard while intoxicated.

A colored woman and her child were burned to death near Chesapeake, a few days ago, caused by the use of kerosene oil to start a fire in a stove. The child's clothing caught first and its mother in attempting to extinguish the flames lost her own life.

Friday last Joseph Gauley (white), a farmer living near Vesuvius, just above Buena Vista, while crossing the Norfolk and Western railroad track, was run over by a freight train and both legs were so mangled that amputation was necessary. Gauley is seventy years old, and is not likely to recover.

Colonel William C. Elam, who recently resigned his position in Washington, is at his home in Louisa, near Trevilian's. It is reported that he will be a candidate for State Senator from the district comprising Frederickburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Louisa counties, now represented by Senator William A. Little.

Mr. Calvin Howard, a well-to-do farmer of King George county, who fought the forest fire near Edge Hill ten days ago, is now totally blind, and it is thought that his sight cannot be restored. The flames were rapidly approaching his barn, and in a desperate effort to save his property he rushed into the fire so that the intense heat and overexertion paralyzed the optic nerves.

Major George Duffey, commissioner of revenue, has just completed the Albany and city assessments for the year, which show a large increase in values, and prove that the city is steadily forging ahead in prosperity. In 1892 the valuation of real estate was \$734,474, and of personal estate \$746,546. Franklin's real estate is valued at \$3,816,573, and personal at \$760,694, showing an increase in the former of \$102,099, and in the latter of \$14,118. The assessment of bank stock remains unchanged.

The World's Fair Rates via Chesapeake and Ohio Route.

The round-trip tickets to the World's Fair via the Chesapeake and Ohio route will be as follows:

From Norfolk \$27.50
From Richmond 25.35
From Lynchburg 22.70
From Charlottesville 22.70
and from other coupon-ticket stations in Virginia west of Lynchburg and Charlottesville, \$22.35.

These tickets will be on sale April 28th to October 25th, good for return until November 15th, and will be good to stop over at the springs and mountain resorts on its line between Richmond and Lowell, W. Va., in both directions.

The Chesapeake and Ohio route has two thoroughly-equipped trains daily, with dining-car and Pullmans for Cincinnati and Chicago, entering Chicago via the Illinois Central tracks, along the Lake Front, and pass in full view of the Columbian World's Fair buildings.

Chesapeake and Ohio passengers can stand at a special station directly at the World's Fair, or at stations near the great hostleries and main portion of the city.

Twenty-seven hours from Richmond to Chicago, and many hours quicker than any other route.

For detailed information, apply to your nearest Chesapeake and Ohio station agent, or address John D. Potts, Division Passenger Agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, 809 east Main street, Richmond, Va.

The naval rendezvous at and around Old Point will be great, on account of the rendezvous of the world's famous war ships. The booming of salutes, the constant plying of the graceful little launches of the navy ships, carrying visitors and officers between the wharf and the blowing of whistles, the constant signals and the gay uniforms of different navies, make a visit most interesting.

Those who went to the rendezvous at Old Point yesterday returned very enthusiastic at the many attractions.

Among the many who went were: Rev. J. Y. Fair and party, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Captain Charles F. Taylor and wife, Mrs. John D. Lottier, Mrs. R. G. Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Stokes, &c.

The most convenient train is the one leaving Richmond at 9 A. M., or section of it, and returning leaves Old Point at 4 P. M., 7:35 P. M., or the special at 10 P. M.

Photograph Imposter.

I am very sorry to have to call the attention of my patrons and public to the fact that I have just discovered that there are a number of "cheap-rate agents" at work in Richmond and vicinity who are using my name without any authority.

Their method is to secure at least part cash payment upon orders for pictures to be enlarged.

I allege that this work is done at my gallery, No. 112 north Ninth street. This is not so.

My business increases so rapidly that with difficulty keep pace with it; thus you can see I have no need of agents, and their orders.

So I wish to warn the public against them, and state that in order to secure the high-class work which I always endeavor to send out, they had best call at my gallery, No. 112 north Ninth street, and give their orders personally.

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FOR DYSPENSIA, Indigestion and stomach disorders, take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. All dealers keep it. Genuine has trade-mark and crown red lines on wrapper.

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

Twelve of the original thirteen States now have Democratic Governors.

A Sylvania, Ga., merchant, who has a lot of emeralds left over from the old days, has placed them on sale in his store.

A divorce was recently granted to a woman at Paris, Tex., and five minutes later she faced the judge with another man and was married.

Suits for \$207,000 have been filed against the city of Atlanta, Ga., by people who claim that their health has been injured through miasma from the city dumping grounds.

Joseph R. Combs and wife, of Houston, Ind., were married thirty-five years ago. About a year ago differences arose and they were divorced. On Saturday they were remarried.

The ladies of Draden have been holding a riding tournament, the honors of the just being won by a young English girl, Miss Theresa Brooks. Her final exploit was the driving of a pair of horses tandem while riding her own horse at full speed.

While being transferred from the prison at Bankins to Newport, in Georgia, a prisoner leaped from the train while it was going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. The train was instantly stopped and a search made, which proved unsuccessful.

The Florida orange crop this season will probably be the largest ever known. The trees are now in blossom, and are so full of blossoms that they should only half of the mature trees would not hold the fruit without considerable propping and bracing.

A striking example of the fatality of the number thirteen can be noted in connection with the death of John H. McDonough at the Tammany Club. There in Boston on St. Patrick's day, there were thirteen persons at the head table where the banquet was given by a ward thirteen club, and he was stricken with apoplexy directly after speaking thirteen minutes.

The ex-queen of Hawaii has probably laid aside a snug sum of money, upon which she can live comfortably in her retirement. While she was only heiress apparent her income amounted to about \$1,000 monthly, and after her accession to the throne further appropriations and investments raised it to perhaps \$30,000 a year. She owns two fine houses, and, as she is a thrifty woman, she has doubtless saved a neat little fortune.

A resident of Irvington, New Jersey, lost a child last year, and the doctor who was recently nominated a village trustee, the father of the child had taken a violent dislike to the doctor and tried by means of a fall to deprive the candidate, and when he heard that the doctor had triumphed, he decorated his horse and dog with grape and drove through the streets, carrying an American flag at half mast.

The demolition of a mound in Walnut Grove, near Martin's Ferry, Ohio, has brought to light many interesting relics. Human skeletons, skulls, bones, elk antlers, paleolithic engravings and implements, arrowheads, pale gray flints, cup stones, agricultural implements, granite hammer stones, sinkers, perforated stones and others have been found. The farther into the mound the workmen dig the more interesting the discoveries become.

Out of one hundred men whom you will meet in Tobacco, Mexico, scarcely ten are able to read, and two out of every three are held by their creditors as slaves for debt. There are about 500,000 Mexicans in this form of debt through paying the exorbitant marriage fee asked by the priest, and another large fee is exacted at the baptism of each child, each baptism requiring the entire wages of at least two weeks.

A cleverly constructed little machine has been designed for the purpose of affixing stamps to letters and circulars, and by its means stamps can be carried on with extraordinary rapidity. The motions of detaching, dampening and fixing are all performed by one revolution of a small wheel attached to the machine. From 4,000 to 5,000 letters an hour can be stamped, and one of the most important advantages of the machine is that it will register the number of letters thus treated.

According to the Boston Herald, the United States should always be spoken of in the plural number. It seems that in an opinion just rendered by the United States Supreme Court Mr. Justice Field corrects a District Attorney for having in his pleading, referred to the United States in the singular number. Mr. Justice Field justifies this criticism by pointing out that both before and since the civil war the Constitution designates the United States in the plural number. Article 3, section 3, declares that treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort, and article 12, adopted since the civil war, declares that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States, or in any place subject to their jurisdiction. Here is an interesting lesson in grammar expounded by a competent authority.

The question of "diamonds falling from the skies," says the European edition of the New York Herald, was investigated at the Academy of Sciences by M. Berthelot, under very peculiar circumstances. M. Daubree, the geologist, read a letter received from Mr. Nordenskjold, and in which the illustrious Swede described experiments tried on meteoric iron, which was found to contain a certain quantity of diamonds, and the statement was stated as any tool by the best Stockholm blacksmith. This circumstance reminded the learned perpetual secretary of a story narrated by Avicenna about Mahmoud, the Gassanid, the Mussulman conqueror of India, a large lump of iron having fallen from the heavens, it was decided to present to the Prince a sword made out of it. According to the Eastern nations, the arm should have been possessed of secret virtue. Unfortunately, it was impossible to work it, and it was likely because some diamonds were included in the meteoric mass.

The report of the condition of Williams & Goode, bankers, Boydon, Va., at the close of business April 5th, 1893, has been received. This bank only opened on March 1st of the present year, but, judging from the figures, it is a very bright one, and one may safely predict a promising future for this young financial venture, which adds both dignity and importance to the thriving town of Boydon. The two worthy and enterprising gentlemen who constitute the head of the firm are to be congratulated upon their success. The figures stand thus:

Loans and discounts.....\$30,682.78
Overdrafts.....18,234.88
Due from banks and bankers.....1,234.88
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 1,456.34
Cash on hand.....8,083.47
Total.....\$58,738.02

LIABILITIES.
Capital paid up.....\$14,000.00
Undivided profits.....2,960.14
Deposits subject to check.....2,314.53
Time certificates of deposit.....1,957.23
Due to banks and bankers.....497.12
Total.....\$21,629.02

Special attention paid to collections of all kinds. Accounts of farmers, merchants and others taken advantage of by persons in need of banking facilities solicited. Careful handling of bonds, and satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

The Rendezvous.

The excursion steamer Louise, which will carry parties of 2,500 or less to and from the fleet at Old Point, and is making excursions through the fleet on arrival of Chesapeake and Ohio trains. This arrangement will continue throughout the week. Good lunch is served on the steamer.

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